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## **Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks**

The reply filed on February 3, 2002 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): No election was made in regard to the specie election requirement. Applicant is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 to elect a single disclosed combination of a) one discomfort reliever compound(s) and b) nutritional supplement compound(s), even though this requirement is traversed.

Should applicant traverse on the ground that the species are not patentably distinct, applicant should submit evidence or identify such evidence now of record showing the species to be obvious variants or clearly admit on the record that this is the case. In either instance, if the examiner finds one of the inventions unpatentable over the prior art, the evidence or admission may be used in a rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) of the other invention. See page 3 of the office action mailed January 29, 2002. The response filed on February 3, 2002 did not elect a single combination of a) the discomfort reliever compound(s) and b) nutritional supplement compound(s). The response is therefore considered non-responsive. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be bona fide, applicant is given ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

